

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK, & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Rain early in the week delayed harvest progress in some areas of the state, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 15 short, 74 adequate, and 10 surplus while subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 73 adequate, and 17 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops: Harvest of all crops showed progress despite the additional precipitation. Durum wheat was 92 percent harvested. Spring wheat was 97 percent harvested. Canola was 95 percent harvested. Ninety-three percent of the corn crop had reached the dented stage, behind 99 percent at this point last year but ahead of 91 percent for the five-year average. Corn for silage was 40 percent chopped. Ninety-eight percent of dry edible beans were dropping leaves, 57 percent had been cut, and 39 percent had been harvested. Flaxseed was 77 percent harvested. As of September 25, 92 percent of potatoes had vines killed, and 27 percent were dug. Ninety-eight percent of soybeans had lower leaves yellowing, 86 percent had dropped leaves, and 5 percent were harvested. Five percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested. Ninety-eight percent of sunflowers had ray flowers dropped, 86 percent had bracts turned yellow, and 39 percent had bracts turned brown. Other activities during the week included winter wheat planting.

Livestock: Stockwater supplies were rated 2 percent short, 77 adequate, and 21 surplus. Pasture and range conditions were rated 6 percent poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 13 excellent.

Crop and Pasture Condition North Dakota: September 25, 2011

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn.....	2	10	28	51	9
Dry edible beans	2	8	29	48	13
Flaxseed	-	6	27	58	9
Potatoes.....	4	6	23	49	18
Soybeans.....	3	12	27	50	8
Sugarbeets	1	6	26	58	9
Sunflower.....	-	4	22	64	10
Pasture and range	-	6	25	56	13

- Represents zero.

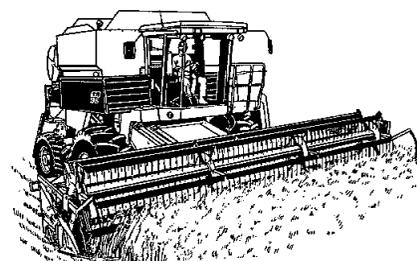
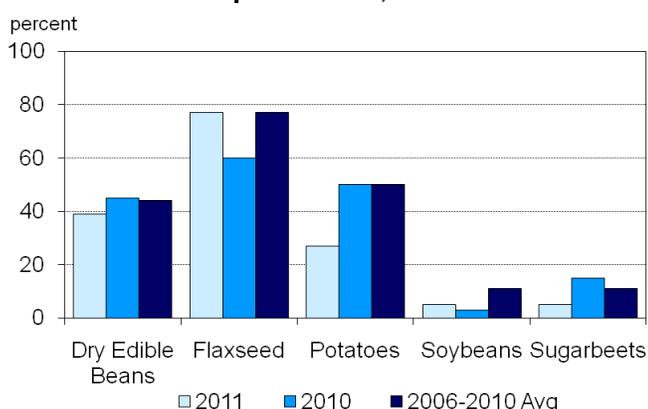
Crop Progress – North Dakota

(Percentages represent all acreage in or beyond each stage. Progress is based on current intended acreage.)

Crop	Sept 25, 2011 (percent)	Sept 18, 2011 (percent)	Sept 25, 2010 (percent)	2006-2010 Average (percent)
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	92	82	74	90
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	97	93	92	95
Canola				
Harvested.....	95	90	82	91
Corn, all				
Dented	93	83	99	91
Mature.....	42	20	68	52
Harvested.....	-	-	-	1
Corn for Silage				
Chopped	40	21	42	56
Dry edible beans				
Dropping Leaves.....	98	79	99	92
Cut.....	57	25	57	61
Harvested.....	39	(NA)	45	44
Flaxseed				
Harvested.....	77	61	60	77
Potatoes				
Vines Killed	92	81	85	87
Dug	27	23	50	50
Soybeans				
Lower Leaves Yellowing.....	98	82	97	96
Dropping Leaves.....	86	46	79	82
Harvested.....	5	1	3	11
Sugarbeets				
Lifted.....	5	4	15	11
Sunflower				
Ray Flowers Dried/Dropped ..	98	89	100	98
Bracts Turned Yellow	86	59	86	87
Bracts Turned Brown.....	39	12	39	49
Harvested.....	-	(NA)	-	-

- Represents zero. (NA) Not available.

Crops Harvested North Dakota: September 25, 2011



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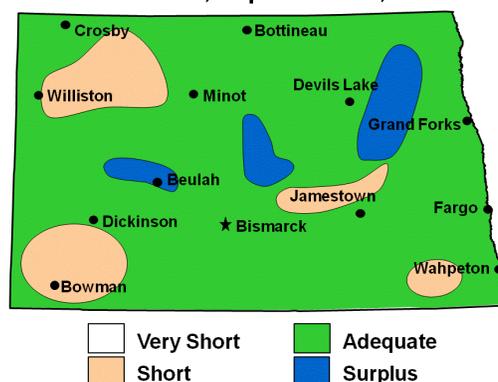
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Soil Moisture Supplies – North Dakota

Item	Sept 25, 2011	Sept 18, 2011	Sept 25, 2010	2006-2010 Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil				
Very Short..	1	2	-	8
Short	15	20	3	24
Adequate...	74	69	77	62
Surplus.....	10	9	20	6
Subsoil				
Very Short..	1	1	-	13
Short	9	11	7	25
Adequate...	73	72	76	57
Surplus.....	17	16	17	5

- Represents zero.

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, September 25, 2011**



Weather: Temperatures were above normal in the west and near normal in the central and east. Precipitation was below normal in parts of the southwest and southeast and above normal across much of the rest of the state. There was rain across much of the state on Monday with highs in the 70s to low 80s. Rain continued across much of the state on Tuesday with highs in the upper 40s to mid-60s. Highs on Wednesday were in the upper 40s to low 60s with dry conditions. Thursday was dry with highs in the upper 50s to mid-70s. Highs on Friday were in the upper 60s to 80s with dry conditions. Saturday was dry with highs in the 70s and 80s. Dry conditions continued on Sunday with highs in the 70s to low 90s.

Outlook, Sept. 26-Oct. 2: Temperatures will be above normal statewide. Precipitation will be below normal across much of the state. Monday will be dry with highs in the 70s to low 80s. Highs on Tuesday will be in the upper 70s to mid-80s with dry conditions. Wednesday will be dry with highs in the upper 60s to low 80s. Highs on Thursday will be in the upper 50s to mid-60s with a chance of showers in the northeast. Friday will be dry with highs in the mid-50s to low 70s. Highs on Saturday will be in the upper 60s to 70s with dry conditions. Dry conditions will continue on Sunday with highs in the 60s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending September 25, 2011**

District Averages	Average Temperature		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ¹		
	Past Week	Depart Normal ²	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal ²
	(degrees F)	(degrees F)	(inches)	(inches)	(inches)
Northwest(1)	61	8	0.91	16.27	3.86
N. Central(2)	55	3	1.36	15.15	1.54
Northeast(3)	54	0	2.10	15.54	2.05
W. Central(4)	59	4	1.31	16.29	3.92
Central (5)	54	-1	1.14	17.44	4.16
E. Central(6)	55	0	0.36	17.53	2.54
Southwest(7)	60	6	0.35	15.19	3.47
S. Central(8)	56	1	0.91	16.91	4.29
Southeast(9)	55	0	0.22	17.68	2.79

¹ Precipitation amounts may vary due to an inaccurate snowfall melt.
² Normal is the 1971-2000 average. Weather data collected from NDAWN stations and compiled by UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending September 25, 2011**

Stations by District	Temperature past week		Seasonal precipitation beginning April 1 ¹		
	High	Low	Past week	Total	Depart normal ²
	(degrees F)	(degrees F)	(inches)	(inches)	(inches)
(1) Bowbells.....	90	34	0.55	16.07	2.99
Williston.....	88	41	0.97	14.34	4.08
Mohall.....	84	35	0.47	16.69	3.62
Minot.....	83	35	1.63	17.99	4.76
(2) Baker.....	77	35	2.30	17.12	4.12
Bottineau.....	83	28	0.40	13.42	-0.63
Rugby.....	81	29	1.37	14.90	1.14
(3) Cando.....	74	30	2.31	15.78	3.60
Cavalier.....	81	31	3.22	16.75	2.76
Forest River....	78	34	1.29	15.58	2.11
Grand Forks....	76	34	0.60	15.46	1.68
Langdon.....	74	31	3.35	12.82	-1.23
St. Thomas.....	75	34	1.82	16.86	3.39
(4) Hazen.....	86	28	0.93	18.41	5.88
Turtle Lake.....	82	30	1.66	13.36	0.45
Watford City....	89	40	1.33	17.10	5.42
(5) Carrington.....	76	30	1.61	20.09	5.18
Harvey.....	79	29	1.75	13.49	2.12
Jamestown.....	76	34	0.59	18.33	4.59
Robinson.....	77	32	0.96	16.36	3.42
Streeter.....	77	30	0.78	18.95	5.47
(6) Dazey.....	76	33	0.48	17.59	2.57
Fargo.....	76	35	0.11	17.07	2.27
Hillsboro.....	76	35	0.49	17.94	2.77
(7) Beach.....	88	33	0.45	14.51	3.23
Bowman.....	88	30	0.28	18.16	6.89
Dickinson.....	86	37	0.44	14.27	1.85
Hettinger.....	88	35	0.23	13.81	1.90
(8) Mandan.....	81	32	0.93	18.78	5.65
Linton.....	79	32	0.89	15.04	2.93
(9) Edgeley.....	77	33	0.48	17.47	2.98
Oakes.....	75	35	0.04	16.80	2.58
Wyndmere.....	75	35	0.14	18.77	2.82

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